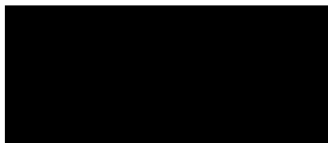


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(Based on domestic radio traffic)

31 March 1943

More Important Reports

(1) In radio communications of the Civil Air Fleet, a coded message of 13 March from Alma Ata to Moscow mentioned a 52nd Squadron.

(2) A coded message from Irkutsk to Moscow mentioned an 82nd Squadron, which is inactive because of the lack of gasoline.

(3) An enciphered message of 16 March from Tashkent to Moscow reported that 20 trained bombardiers arrived on 16 March.

(4) A message with the following addressee was transmitted to Moscow on 28 March:

"Moscow, Vnukovo, to Commander of the 1st Flight Transport Division." (last mentioned in Daily Report 18-19 March and NAL 20/3)

The Division-Staff of the 1st Flight Transport Division is presumably located in Vnukovo (near Moscow).

(5) The rajon office of GUMTO (Chief Directorate for Machines and Technical Equipment) in Tiflis reports to the NK for Transportation in Moscow that 48 cars with technical material were shipped to Tikhoretskaya to repair the Voroshilov-Railways.

(6) A conversation between Petropavlovsk and Alma Ata mentioned 9 women-tractor-brigades.

Food Situation

Tiflis

(7) The NK for Procurement requires 5 tons of maize and 1 ton of beans for sowing.

(8) The Flour Industry fulfilled only 48% of the February plan for flour procurement.

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(9) The Azerbajdzhan office of East-Foreign Trade is to receive 2,000 tons of rice. Since the storehouses of the harbor are overfilled, rice cannot be stored. Only 23 cars were accepted up to the present. Additional shipments are delayed.

(10) The NK for Forestry is to receive an advance of 9 tons of grain feed on the second quarter account from Grain Procurement.

(11) The Fishing Consumers' Cooperative in Makhachkala was authorized wine for 1,000,000 rubles for the first quarter.

(12) On 24 March the Canning Industry in Kutais produced 3.3 tons of concentrates and shipped 1.2 tons.

On hand:

Wheat groats	75.6 tons
Manna	19
Rice	2.52
Groats	104
Fat	13.5

(13) In May the Mill Combine in Poti will purchase 10,000 tons of wheat. They are to receive 8,535 tons of wheat flour outside of Poti and 400 tons in Poti.

(14) Nalchik. Kolkhozes, which brought their cattle to safety before the advance of the Germans, are exempt from the compulsory delivery of eggs and cheese (brynsa).

(15) Krasnoyarsk NKRF borrowed from the March allocation:

fish products	0.26 ton
meat products (?)	0.63
animal fats	0.42
sugar	0.57

(16) The following feed grain allotments were carried out in March for the ship repair work:

to Saratov Oblast'	3 tons
Kujbyshev Oblast'	4
Tatar Oblast'	3
Stalingrad Oblast'	3
Uralsk NKRF for Chkalovsk Oblast'	2 tons

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(17) The Chief Directorate for Tobacco in Stalingrad will distribute tobacco products for 300,000 rubles to Stalingrad NKRF and tobacco products for 150,000 rubles to Astrakhan NKRF.

Chemical Supply

(18) Gorkij NKRF requires 1/2 ton of calcium carbide for the first quarter.

(19) Plant "Kujbyshev" in Chistopol requires 30 vehicles to transport balloons for supplying refrigerating plants with ammonia.

(20) The Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency in Omsk is to ship 8 tons of caustic soda to Krasnoyarsk.

Material Supply

(21) Kamyshin NKRF reports a supply of 200 rolls of parchment paper on hand.

(22) Krasnoyarsk NKRF requires 33 meters of camel's hair belts and 4 meters of rope.

(23) The Lower Volga Steamship Agency requires 150 tons of cement for military repair work of Plant "Bolshevik" in Volsk. A shipment is not possible because of the non-availability of railroad cars.

(24) Saratov River Fleet Supply will receive 13 tons of Spanish white from the lithopone plant.

(25) Omsk NKRF will receive 7,000 incandescent bulbs.

Included are those to be received by:

West Siberian Steamship Agency	2,500
Enisej Steamship Agency	500
Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency	500
Omsk	1,500

(26) The Oblast' Waterways Directorate of the Irtysh Steamship Agency will receive 8,000 glass cups.

(27) Semipalatinsk NKRF will receive 500 incandescent bulbs and 5 tons of tow from the Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency.

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Metal Supply

The following metal deliveries are being carried out:

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Type of Metal</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Consignor</u>
(28)	Gorkij NKRF Plant "Zhadanov"	Tin	0.04 ton	Kujbyshev
(29)	Astrakhan, "Volgatanker"	Bronze	3 tons	Main Office for Trade with Nonferrous Metals, Saratov
(30)	Gurev, "Volgatanker"	Bronze	3 tons	Saratov NKRF, from first quarter allocation
(31)	Chardzhou NKRF	Steel hawser	1 1/2 tons	Tashkent

Oil Supply

Tiflis

(32) The Georgian NK for Timber requires 25 tons of gasoline and 200 tons of mazut for April.

(33) The Tkvarcheli Trust reports for the second ten days of March:

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Mazut	- - -	5 tons	255 tons

(34) On 24 March the "Ferro Plant" in Zestafoni had the following inventory:

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>On Hand</u>
Oil coke	--	103 tons	250 tons

(35) Makhachkala. For April the requirements of the municipal baths, electrical plants, collective mills, bakeries, industrial enterprises, and health resorts amount to the following:

gasoline	27 tons
petroleum	25
ligroin	24
diesel oil	30
motor oil	162
machine oil	7
avtol	5
solidol	1
nigrol	3

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(36) Chistopol NKRF will receive 20 tons of motor oil for March.

Coal Supply

(37) The following stocks of coal were reported:

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>On hand</u>
Tkvarcheli Trust in the second ten days of March			
Coal	3,170 tons	4,263 tons	389 tons
Zestafoni "Ferro Plant"			
Coke	117 tons	---	220 tons

(38) Plant "Sovpren" in Erivan requires 2,000 tons of boiler-Tkvarcheli coal per month. Tkvibuli coal is being refused because of the large ash content.

(39) For the Nonferrous Metal Industry 150 tons of coal are being shipped to Alaverdy and 50 tons of coal to Zangesur.

Timber Supply

The following quantities of timber are to be floated:

	<u>In the entire navigation period</u>	<u>In the second quarter</u>
(40) Raznezhe NKRF	30,000 cbm	20,000 cbm
(41) Cherdyn NKRF	25,000 cbm	13,000 cbm
(42) Ulan Ude NKRF		
firewood	---	3,000 cbm
building timber	---	2,000 cbm
(43) Krasnoyarsk NKRF		
has to procure:		
building timber		2,000 cbm
building timber to be transported		4,000 cbm
firewood to be transported		6,000 cbm
(44) Yakutsk NKRF		
timber to be transported		6,000 cbm

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	In the second quarter
(45) Khabarovsk NKRF has to procure:	
building timber	1,000 cbm
to transport:	
building timber	2,000 cbm
firewood	4,000 cbm
(46) Blagoveshchensk NKRF has to procure for Chita Oblast':	
building timber	3,000 cbm
firewood	5,000 cbm
to transport:	
building timber	2,000 cbm
firewood	3,000 cbm
(47) For Khabarovsk Oblast' there are to be procured:	
building timber	2,000 cbm
firewood	2,000 cbm
to be transported:	
building timber	1,000 cbm
firewood	5,000 cbm

(48) The Ural Steamship Agency will receive 10 carloads of timber material for Uralsk and Gurev.

(49) Ufa. The Ship Repair Yard "October Revolution" will receive 5 carloads of sawdust packing for April from the Chief Directorate for Timber Supply in Kotlas.

Clothing Supply

Tiflis

(50) The Yarn Industry is manufacturing not more than 3.5 tons of yarn daily in March. According to plan, 4.3 tons are scheduled. The manufacture of stockings is being temporarily discontinued because of the shortage of workers and material.

(51) The Georgian Supply and Sales of Light Industry is to receive 20,000 pair of heels from the shoe last and heel factory in Kotelnich.

(52) Flight Supply lists the following inventory:

summer-special suits	1,000
cottonwool suits	942

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(53) The shoe factory has to repair 50,000 pair of shoes by 1 July.

(54) The Textile Industry can manufacture the following with its own facilities:

fur vests
half-furs
cushions
mattresses

For this reason the following allotment is required:

moleskin	50,000 meters
fleeced cotton	100,000 meters

(55) Factory "Majskoe Vostanie" in Leninakan received 43 tons of fiber from Erivan, Chief Directorate for Procurement of the Cotton Industry, and 22 tons of fiber from the Wadding Factory in Navtlug.

(56) The sewing factories in Krasnodar and Armavir (Krasnodar Oblast') can manufacture in the second quarter:

summer uniforms	14,000 units
underwear	5,000 pair
military trappings	2,000 units

(57) The Employment Office in Makhachkala will receive from Erivan (Employment Office):

shoes	1,000 pair
socks	1,000 pair
underwear	500 pair
soap	1.5 tons

Production and Construction

(58) The secretary of the Armenian Central Executive Committee reports to the Chief Directorate for Rubber in Moscow that 3 carloads of transformers, electric motors, and other machines and electrical equipment were shipped to Karaganda. Measures are being taken for the shipment of the remaining two cars.

(59) The erection of a boiler with a heating surface of 150 square meters and a steam engine of 250 horsepower is planned for NKRF Plant

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"Teplokhod" in Gorkij.

(60) To produce spare parts for ship repairs in 1943/44, the River Fleet in Gorkij could spend 1,600,000 rubles.

(61) A Plant #4 in Krasnoyarsk was mentioned.

(62) The River Fleet in Molotov could spend 1,000,000 rubles to produce spare parts for ship repairs in 1943/44.

(63) For the same purpose, NKRF in Arkul could spend 180,000 rubles.

(64) NKRF Yakutsk is obliged to erect a frost-free water tank. 15,000 rubles are required to complete sanitary plants in Osetrovo.

Transport Situation

Krasnoyarsk NKRF

(65) The 350 tons of oats stored at Military Depot #177 cannot be transported, since the 13 railroad cars have not been made available.

(66) Ten cars are to be made available to Kujbyshev NKRF for the shipment of freight for ship repairs.

Miscellaneous

(67) The Lower Volga Steamship Agency in Krasnoarmejsk will receive telephones cb 41 from plants evacuated from Cherepovets.

(68) Omsk NKRF will receive a portable electric station from Zalekhard.

(69) The Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency will receive 2 radio stations for the shipyard in Zurazhevka.

(70) Novosibirsk NKRF will receive a portable electric station.